

A former Officer of the Society has written to say that in 1986 the origins of this "R" perfin was investigated. In the February 1987 Bulletin the Officers of the Society put in a small article headed "*Stamp Perforators in Private Hands*". The main paragraph read:-

"All owners of such perforators are reminded that everything possible must be done to ensure that they are not used to perforate stamps which might subsequently come into the possession of perfin collectors who are unaware of the true origins of such stamps. Such items can only be regarded as fakes."

There is nothing to prevent any member who buys an old perforator altering the pins for their own use but only current, mint stamps should be used. All the perforators used by present members have been reported to the Catalogue Editor and are recorded in the files as for private use.

To return to the large letter "R" on high value machin stamps. The Officers of the Society in 1986 adjudged that these were used stamps that had been perforated. As such they must be regarded as fakes. However, it was thought that this could have been a genuine perforator, no longer in true use, and therefore there may well be earlier genuine examples of this perfin, user still unknown.

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